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Meeting Lincoln

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Keel, Wm. H. R. White House, Washington Germantown, Pa.
Army of the Potomac

31 WEST ASHMEAD PLACE
GERMANTOWN, PA.

Mr H. R. Jerry
Bustleton Pa.,

Dear Sir:

- In reply to your Communication of June 11th desiring information of my personal knowledge of Abraham Lincoln - I would say that I saw him at the White House at Washington D.C early in the War also at the review of the Army of the Potomac by General McClellan at the Bailey Cross Roads - Virginia in 1862. again saw him lying in state at Independence Hall Philadelphia shortly after he had been assassinated. As I was actively engaged on the Front mainly in the Signal Service, I did not have the opportunity for meeting personally with the President as those Officers who were in Regiments stationed near the Capitol, I have heard Comrades speak of personal interviews with Mr Lincoln but most of these have passed on. Should I meet with any who could give you the information you desire I will get their address and send it to you Yours Sincerely

June 17-1931

William H. R. Keel
Late Captain 96th Pa Vols.
Acting Signal Officer Army of the Potomac

Keys, Edward D.

Springfield, Ill.
Farewell Address
Knew Willie and Tad

Springfield, Ill.

EDWARD D. KEYS
PRESIDENT

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,

July 21, 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria Street,
Bustleton,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of July 3rd concerning information pertaining to Mr. Abraham Lincoln and am pleased to enclose copy of a letter which I addressed to Mr. Vachel Davis, Eldorado, Illinois, under date of March 5, 1928, in reply to a letter from him on the same subject. I failed, however, to mention in this letter that I attended the Lincoln funeral.

On June 17th of this year, the Lincoln Monument here was rededicated and President Hoover was present at the ceremony. If you did not receive a copy of the Illinois State Journal of this city, it might be well to write for issue of June 18th, as it had much information of interest on the Lincoln subject.

The address of Mr. B. D. Monroe, about whom you inquire in your letter, is c/o Mrs. Charles Pohl, 617 Union Street, Champaign, Illinois.

Thanking you for your letter,

Very sincerely yours,

Edward D Keys

EDK:RB.

COPY

Springfield, Illinois,
March 5, 1928.

Mr. Vachel Davis,
P. O. Box 191,
Eldorado, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Davis:

I have your letter of the 2nd instant, asking what I know about Mr. Abraham Lincoln.

In reply, you are advised that I lived about a block from his home when I was about nine years old and attended the same school that Will and Todd Lincoln attended at the time of Mr. Lincoln's election to the Presidency. I was at the train and heard him deliver his farewell address when he left Springfield.

As a boy I saw him often, and of course, talked with him, but can give you no mature ideas about him. I remember him well, however, and many incidents of his life are quite familiar to me. I married a niece of Mrs. Lincoln, a Miss Todd, of Lexington, Kentucky.

My opinion is that Mr. Lincoln was a religious man and a great student of the Bible. All of his acts and doings plainly demonstrated that fact. I also was very well acquainted with Mr. Robert Lincoln during most of his life.

There is a very interesting article on Mr. Lincoln being published by Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell in the Ladies Home Journal. The first installment appears in the February, 1928 issue, and I am sure it would be very interesting to you. More valuable information can be obtained through the Lincoln Centennial Association of this city, Mr. Paul Angle, Secretary. I think it would be a good idea for you to join this Association, as they are constantly gathering important data regarding Mr. Lincoln's life, publishing books, literature, etc. about him.

Some time when you are in Springfield I shall be glad to have you call upon me.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

EDK:M.

(Signed) Edward D. Keys.

Keyes, R.C. Springfield on St. , Springfield, Ill.

Springfield, Ills.
Mar 6th, 1931

Mr. T. K. Terry
Brattleboro, Vt.

My dear Sir;

Yours of a few days ago forwarded to me here. and I hardly know what to say as I was a small boy at that time, only thirteen years old.
My Father Jonathan Keyes was very well known to Mr Lincoln, the last Saturday before the Monday Lincoln started for the Whitehouse Father met him on 5th & monroe sts. and he talked a while with my Father and then took me by the hand and bid me good bye. Just plain as it was only yesterday.
He was fond of boys while living in this city.

...don remember on
... occasion a farmer came
in to some trading and said
to his son. now to leave you
with Lincoln at his office
while he does his shopping. the son
remarked that would not pay
any attention to him.
so the Father called for him a
on the way home, why Dad.
Lincoln knows as much about
farming as you do.
do you See the man we all loved
was like that- stuck his work and
talk to the lads.
I heard Lincoln & Douglas
make Speaches several times.
Had I known much as now I
could have learned from my
Dad of the Many trades.
My Father was on the committee to
Meet the remains at Chicago.
and they were in rotunday of
the State House now our Court house.
I got in line over a block from
the building.

No Mr E. D. Keyes is not any kin to me. His wife was a Miss Lincoln.

I have your address and later on will be glad to send just names of people that knew Lincoln

Yours very Truly

R. L. Keyes

908 W Lawrence ave

Kidder, B. H.

L.-D. Debates
Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg, Ill.

Galesburg, Ill. Aug. 9, 1931

Mr. Howard K. Terry
95-28 Westeria St.
Bustleton, Philadel. Pa.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug. 7 received today in reply I will state that I attended the Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Galesburg, Ill. Oct. 7, 1858. I saw Abraham Lincoln at that time and heard the Debate. My impression of Mr. Lincoln at that time was that he was a great man and got the best of Mr. Douglas in the Debate. I recollect Mr. Lincoln as a tall dignified gentleman standing head and shoulders above Mr. Douglas on the platform his voice was high pitched and could be heard much plainer than Mr. Douglas.

Hoping this will be a satisfactory reply to your letter and thanking your congratulation I remain

Yours Truly

B. H. Kidder

Kilmer, Henry A.

Cleveland - Funeral

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"I saw Lincoln"

Full Name Henry A Kilmer

Present Address Oak Harbor Ohio

Date of Birth Year 1861 Month March Day 1st

Place of Birth Cleveland Ohio

Where you saw Lincoln In his Casket

When you saw Lincoln Cleveland O

Remarks: -

My parents took me to the public square while his body lay in state for a day on its way to Springfield Ill This was on April 26th 1865

Kilmer, Henry A.

KILMER 69

LORENZ O. KILMER,
ASST. GEN. MGR. AND TREAS.

WALTER D. MEYER
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Aug. 25th 1932

Lincoln Nat. Life Foundation
Fort Wayne
Ind.

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D AUG 26 1932
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO

Gentlemen

Your ad in the daily papers, Who Knew Lincoln or saw him. The Ins. Co offers a trip to Statue Unveiling Sept 16th I was past 4 years old when I saw President Lincoln in his casket while his body lay in state in the Public square Cleveland Ohio on his way to Springfield Ill. This was on April 28th 1865. My father and mother took me to see his body and the vast crowd of people impressed me so and my parents often spoke of it to me as I was growing up. I was born in Cleveland Ohio on March 1st 1861 and lived in that City until I was 26 years old then moved to my present address ever since

Yours Truly
H. A. Kilmer

Kimball, Andrew J. Flag-bearer - Funeral California

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF NATIONAL HOMES
PACIFIC BRANCH
NATIONAL MILITARY HOME, CALIFORNIA Feb. 2,1931

To Howard K. Terry, 9528 Wisteria St., Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

SUBJECT: Those who saw President Lincoln.

Dear Sir:

1. In connection with your letter of January 28th it is suggested that you contact Mr. Andrew J. Kimball, address Box 363, National Military Home, California. Mr. Kimball claims to have seen President Lincoln several times, and he was one of the flag bearers at the president's funeral.

By order of the Governor.

Very respectfully,

C.F. Fiege

C.F. Fiege,
Adjutant

John A. Martin Post No. 153, G. A. R.
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Po Box
363

Soldiers' Home California, July 16th 1930

H. R. Terry

Dear Sir your letter of July 3rd
recd and will try and tell you what
I know of Abraham Lincoln as Briefly as
I can I was Born on the 21st of Apr 1842
down in the Eastern part of maine and
was named after Andrew Jackson I
Enlisted on the 2nd of July 1861 for
three years in Co. D. 7th Maine, Inf I saw
Lincoln Several times when he would
visit the army of the Potomac, but
will mention only a few Most important
ones. in 1862 the first Big Battle was
the Battle of Antietam of our Co. 373
men and 15 Officers we came out
with 60 men and 2 Officers (Lieut) Col Clemmed
kept us around his Hedgrows until
orders to send us home to recruit as
we was passing through Washington
we Staped at the white house and
Lincoln Shook Hands with all of us
and Told us how Sorry he was
for our big loss. but that we made
ourselve famous which Stuck to
us through the war as the Famous
1 vol Maine

John A. Martin Post No. 153, G. A. R.
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Soldiers' Home, California, ... 1 ..... 193.....

we war back in the army in time for the Battle of Fredricksburg and Gettisburg, Now I will tell Something about how Lincoln Saved washington from Captured Some in History but Some are not in the Spring of 64 Grant took Command of the army So he took all the Troops out of the Works around washington but then to the front but a Small force in the Shenadore Valley to protect washington, as Grant flanked Gen Lee around front of washington then he sent Gen Early out with a large force to make a raid on washington as he struck the Small force in the valey they retreated to Harpers ferry and let Ealey pass Lincoln urged Gen Grant to Send Some troops down to my Corps the 6th was Sent for the defense of washington but had Such a start that he could not catch it the City before we could get there for he had to be watched Some for it was Lincoln that thought of

Soldiers' Home, California, ... 193.....

he filed the forts with Teamsters and Clerks Canvalenwats to make a Show. and then Called for vols. to go out on fronts on different duties with nothing but Canteens but to be taken Prisoners and when they wer asked what Regt they belonged to they wer to all tell the Same Story that they belonged to the 6th Corps it had the effect to Run Every Straggler that we had to the front. Mr Wade, a fine Charge and drove Everything before us Lincoln was watching us both times was in the open and made a fine Sight I was wounded at the Battle of Cedar Creek and was in Washington waiting to go to the front when Lincoln was Shot and I began a Diary and Recorded the Sad Death that night Lincoln was Carried across the Street where he died the next morning he was Prepared for Shipment to Ill. the Rebel Some Where, we can find the remains laid in the Capitol a few days the Procession

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Soldiers' Home California, ... 193.....

Formed front of Yards Diameter
this Cemetery a Few Years and in
front of Stands marked as Mourners
it was in that Position that I
was Flag Bearer, as we came to the
Casket we Paused one on Each Side
where we took the last Sad look
of our Beloved President.

At that time I was Sergt Co. I, 1st Maine
Vet Vols.

If this Poorly written letter are Eney
use to you Keep it if Not Burn it or
if you want to ask Eney questions
on Eney Point, will try to answer the
Best I Can, am Pretty O

P.S. I omitted Page 3rd that when we Past
Fort Stevens there was a Bunch of officers
on Top and amongst them stood Lincoln
and there was a Dog from a Penn Reg
Wounded Standing by his Side.

Sergt. A. J. Kimball Soldiers Home
Po Box 362

Kimball, Andrew J. ..... Calif.

John A. Martin Post No. 153, G. A. R.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Soldiers' Home California, Feb. 25th 1931

H. J. Kirry Dear Sir
I am sending you the names of
some men who saw Lincoln

C. D. 6 maine Vs Vol
May. 61

H. Q. Morton. Sarg. Co. E. 1st Me Vols. Jan. 64

Capt. E. P. Thayer.

Rob Johnston

Wm. G. Woodworth Co K D. 4 Vermont

L. G. Kelley

George L. B. Vallandigham

Over

P. S. That Lady who was with Mag Rathbourn in the Box with Lincoln the night of his assasination was a Sister to George. B. Vallandigham

Andrew. C. Kimball

King, A. J

Sprague Wash March 22nd 1913

Editor Knoxville Journal

Dear Sir

I have just had a bundle of Journals sent me from Portland Oregon and have been much interested in them but first let me tell you about myself I am just now able to hobble around with the help of a cane at first I had a good old fashioned case of the grip followed by a spell of inflamatory rheumatism I wanted to mention this as you know it takes away all of the joy of being sick if no one knows anything about it I was specially interested as I think all of your oldest readers are when you mention the names of voters along with other circumstances connected with the Election of President Lincoln in this connection I want to tell you that I too voted for Lincoln in 1864 at that time I was a private in company K - 15th Iowa at Marietta G.A. and so far as I know the vote was duly counted in which case I think I am justly entitled to the distinction

of being the youngest Man now alive who
Voted for the Man whose name will live as
long as any ~~Name~~ Language is Spoken
I was not yet 15 years of age at the time
I have a pretty Clear recollection of what was going
in those days and I dont need to tell you that
Things were big in the making I can still call the
names and still see the faces of many Comrades
Slain in battle near Marietta G.a. now Sleeping in the
National Cemetery at that Place dust and ashes
for almost fifty years
about the Journal I saw it Published in a small
upper room in an old brick building (long since torn
away) that stood East of weyers Corner the Editor
was at that time a Mr Dave Stanfield the
ground floor of the building being used as a
black Smith Shop by a Mr Pearson do you
remember John Pearson?
Now I have Concluded that for several reasons ~~that~~
I need the Journal so Please find Enclosed + c + e
My address at least for the Present will be Sprague wash
as I have not yet made final Proof
on my Homestead
wishing you all the success in the world
I am Very Truly Yours A J King

King, Charles — Washington, D. C. — Wisconsin
West Point

HEADQUARTERS, FIELD CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION
WISCONSIN MILITARY RESERVATION
CAMP DOUGLAS, WISCONSIN

Aug. 2. '29

Mr Howard K. Terry
My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 25 came just as, or after, I left to attend the graduation exercises and the three days reunion of the Association of Graduates at West Point. A large number of letters met me on my return and there was time to reply to very few of these before I was again called from my desk to duties of an engrossing character and personal letters had to wait. Many still remain unanswered. Yours with three others came with me here and briefly to answer your questions:

I was a member of no regiment. but was mounted orderly at headquarters of the one exclusively Western brigade of Infantry in the Army of the Potomac until designated for West Point as one of President Lincoln's ten appointees "at large" to enter in June 1862.

In that capacity I saw Mr Lincoln very frequently as he often drove out in the cool of the August evenings to chat with our officers and men - especially the boys - at our camp on Kalorama Heights. The last time I saw & spoke with him was the one day he visited the Point about June 15th. Altogether I had probably seen and heard (and twice or thrice spoke to or with him) a dozen times. My best known books are probably The Colonel's Daughter + its sequel. Marion Faith - Thon Captain Blake - published by Lippincott - Between the Lines + Camp Days by Harper + Bros. Most of the others, except my favorite The True U.S. Grant (Lippincott) and Campaigning with Crook - (Harper) are out of print. Lippincott however has quite a number of others.

Sincerely
Charles King

King, Mrs. Elizabeth — Gettysburg Address — Mulberry, Ind.

Second English Lutheran Church

REV. L. HERBERT WYANDT, B. D., PASTOR

211 NORTHWEST THIRD STREET

RICHMOND, INDIANA

October 5, 1932

Dr. Louis A. Warren
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Sir:-

Having read an account of your search for Indiana residents who have definite recollections of Abraham Lincoln, I would like to call your attention to Mrs. Elizabeth King, who is now a resident of the Mulberry Lutheran Home at Mulberry, Indiana.

Mrs. King is a member of the Second English Lutheran Church here in Richmond. Many times I have heard her tell of seeing and hearing Lincoln when he made the Gettysburg address. Her home, as a girl was in Maryland near Gettysburg, and on the occasion of the Gettsyburg dedication she was there with her family.

Yours truly

L. Herbert Wyandt.

King, Mrs. Elizabeth Gettysburg Address Mulberry, Ind.

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Yours truly

L. Herbert Wyandt.

King, Mrs. Fredrica Weinberg
e

Augusta, Ill.

Augusta, Ill.

"I SAW LINCOLN"

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Full Name Mrs Fredrica Weinberg King

Present Address Augusta Ills Box 43

Date of Birth Year 1852 Month October Day 21st

Place of Birth Cincinnati Ohio

Where you saw Lincoln At Augusta Ills

When You Saw Lincoln September 18th 1858

Remarks: -

I was born at Cincinnati Ohio but transplan-
-ted to Augusta Ills at the age of 4½ years.
The grave of Lincoln's teacher a Mr Dorsey
is on the King farm at Huntsville Ills
7 miles from Augusta. The D. A. R.'s of
Augusta have placed a memorial there.
Sept 18th 1858 Lincoln spoke here in the P. M. in Collins
grove and in the evening in Weinberg's hall-
(over)

Kinney, Mrs. Lucy Boulware — Quincy, Ill. - L.-D. Debate — Barry, Illinois

Kinney

LINCOLN NATIONAL
Referred to
Date SEP 8, 1932
Answered
LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Barry. Ill. 9-6-32

Lincoln National Life Assn.

Fort Wayne - Ind.

My mother - Mrs. Lucy Boulware Kinney - has a very clear recollection of Abraham Lincoln.

She was born Feb. 11- 1838. in Pike Co. Ill. She first saw and heard Mr. Lincoln in an address at Pittsfield. Ill. and later heard him in the Lincoln - Douglas debate at Quincy. Ill.

She and all her people were great admirers of Mr. Lincoln. and she always maintained he was not homely but noble and fine looking.

Her sight and hearing are impaired - but her mind is very clear and memory good.

Yours -

(Mrs.) Ella M. Slauffer

I have a friend here - who has a copy of Lincolns first inaugural address - furnished Nov. 7-1861.

Kirkpatrick, Wm. I. Lewistown, Ill. speech Elmwood, Ill.

Elmwood Ill

Oct- 3

Dr Louis A Warren

Fort Wayne Ind.

Dr Sir I heard A Lincoln make his Speech in Lewistown Fulton Co Ill On Oct 1858 I was 12 Years old I am now 86 Years allmost loved Lincoln

Yours Truly

Wm I Kirkpatrick

Elmwood Peoria Co

Illinois

Knapp,
Clough
Logan

Bennington, Vermont

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BENNINGTON, VERMONT
March 28,1931

Mr. Howard K Terry,
9528 Wisteria St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear sir:-

Replying to your letter regarding Lincoln.

I have three veterans who knew him and had seen him.
Moses J.Knapp shook hands with him and had seen him several times.
Horace E.Clough, seen him several times, and had talked with him.
James Logan has seen him but never spoke to him.

The first two named veterans are both able to carry on a correspondance with you if you care to write them, hoping that this meets with your wishes, I am,

Very truly,

John W. Tinker

Knapp, Moses J. City Point soldier Bennington, Vermont

Bennington Vermont

Soldiers Home April 10 1931

Dear Friend Mr Keay your letter received & am trying to write to you about Abraham Lincoln I am just 88 years old & as you may see I am no young chicken it had [illegible] me to remember things that happened way back in 1860 I shook hands with Abraham Lincoln at City Point I got my right hand hurt & was in A Hospital & he came there & shook hands with me & all and son of the Rebel Soldiers City Point was where General Grant got all supplyes

Fur ans Army
Troy Suns Point Was where
the Hudson river & the
Beaverly river come to
gether

one day the gus Boats
was firing minte guns
& All Flags was half mast
well I will now close if you
would write to my Son
John B Kauffh who is an
Archutect & lives on
25 West Union Street
Wilkes Barre PA
he might help you
Best wishes to you I remain
from Mrs J Kauffh

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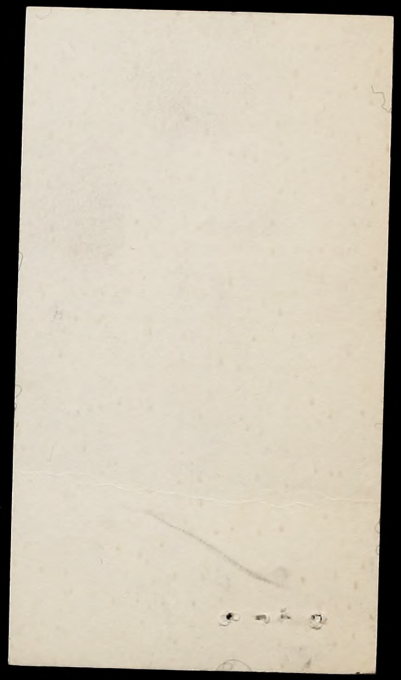

Knowlton, John W. Michigan City, Ind. Burial Decatur, Ill.

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Decatur Illinois Dec28th
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Mr Howard K Terry

Bustleton Penna

Hon Sir:-

Your letter of Dec 24th just recieved, I am going to answer it right now for the reason that I am a justice of the Peace and business may become so intense that if I delay I maight forget, what I have to say can be said now as well as a month from now,

I was born in the year I859 Adrian Mich May I3th and on friday. at the time President Lincoln was assinated My Father was located at Michigan City Ind in an official capacity with the then Michigan Central Rail road, the remains of the dead President on its way for burial in Sprungfield Ill was taken over this Railroad, my father in his offi al capacity had to do with the handling of the train at Michigan City he had my mother my younger sister and myself at the station (or depot as it was then called) and we were allowed to go through the car and view the remains ,so we saw the Dead President in his ~~xxxx~~ casket " of course my being a very small youngster I can have only a very small remebrance of how he looked , in the year I868 my gather entered the ~~xxx~~ service of the Wabash (then the Toledo Wabash and Western) at Springfield Ill when the family got located there we were just three blocks from The Presidents old home , my little sister and I passed the house every sunday on our way to sunday school , very often my father would take me with him in the evening to the corner grocery store where there was congregated several old time friends of the President and I listened to many yarns they would tell about the President whifh did not at that time impress me but in later years they came back to me the workmen were just completing the first Lincoln Mounument when my father was transferred from Springfield to Decatur Ill here again we were located on sacred ground as it was here that Lincoln made his first political speech just one half a block from where my office is now located here again I heard much about Lincoln (and do yet) In Michigan City after my mother and sister had viewed the remains my mother took my sister and myself to a

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photograph er and had tin type picture taken, my sister had preserved that pi picture and about two years ago she had it reproduced to a 7XI0 sixe and sent me acopy, which I have hanging up in my office .

There are a few persons living yet in and around Decatur who were acquainted with or saw Lincoln there is one old man in particular that I know his name is Henry Dunham he lices at 975 Wesr Eldorado St Decatur ill he is 94 years of age ,then there is a Mrs Mary Winegardner 900 block N Jasper st she is about the same age, they should remember the political meeting that was held just one block from my office where the Macon County republicans selected Lincoln for President, I cannot claim anything that would identify me with Lincoln other th than I have told you . If however something else comes to my attention that I think would interest you I will be glad to inform You

Yours Truly

John W Knowlton

LETTERS- K DRAWER 26 MEETINGHOUSE-